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Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, DC 20554

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In the Matter of)	FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE SECHE (ARY
Amendment of Section 73.606(b) Table of Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations (New Iberia, Louisiana)))))	MD Docket No. 02-153 RM-10454

To: Chief, Video Division

COMMENTS OF PETITIONER

Iberia Communications, LLC ("Iberia"), an applicant for NTSC Channel 53 at New Iberia, Louisiana, and the petitioner in the above-captioned rulemaking, by its counsel and pursuant to Section 1.420 of the rules, hereby respectfully submits its comments in response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking released July 1, 2002 (DA 02-1481) (the "NPRM").

- 1. Iberia strongly endorses adoption of the proposal in the NPRM. As the NPRM describes, Iberia has sought since the mid-90's to establish television service in Louisiana. The NPRM's proposal will enable Iberia, at long last, to inaugurate a first local service to New Iberia. Iberia incorporates by reference its petition and restates its present intention to amend its pending application to apply for Channel 50 if it is allotted, and, if authorized, to build a station on that channel promptly.
- 2. Iberia further notes its understanding, based on the Commission's Public Notice, DA 02-270, released February 6, 2002, that, in this rulemaking, new proposals

No. of Copies rec'd 0+24 List ABCDE for additional NTSC channel allotments will not be accepted. New parties may not counterpropose a new NTSC allotment. The opportunity for filing counterproposals is limited to those parties with existing petitions and applications that are the subject of the filing window pursuant to which Iberia triggered this proceeding by filing its petition for rulemaking.

WHEREFORE, Iberia urges the Commission expeditiously to issue a Report and Order adopting the NPRM's proposal to allot Channel 50 to New Iberia, Lousiana.

Respectfully submitted, IBERIA COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Evelyn M. Ojea, hereby certify that on this 22nd day of August, 2002, I caused copies of the foregoing Comments of Petitioner to be delivered, via hand delivery, to the following individuals:

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